of dues, which include, inter-alia, sale of goods hypothecated, enforcement of security available against the borrowers/guarantors, filing of suit for recovery, etc.

Issue of debentures by Reliance Petrochemicals Limited

3430. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reliance Ptrochemicals Limited has recently received Government's permission for the issuance of its fully convertible debentures worth Rs. 576 crores; and

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions of these debentures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) M/s. Reliance Petrochemicals Limited have been permitted to issue fully convertible debentures of Rs. 516 crores (with a permission to retain excess subscription to the debentures upto Rs. 77.40 crores) to public by a prospectus and to shareholders of M/s. Reliance Industries Limited.

(b) Each debenture will be of the face value of Rs 200/-. The debentures will carry interest @ 12.5 per cent p.a. (Taxable) and will be fully and compulsorily converted in the following manner:—

(i) 5 per cent of the face value at par on the allotment of debentures;

(ii) 20 per cent of the face value at a premium, if any, as may be decided by CCI after three years but before four years from the date of allotment of debentures;

(iii) the balance at such a premium, if any, as may be decided by CCI after five years but before the end of seven years from the date of allotment of debentures.

Bank loans to unemployed youth, pensioners, etc.

3431. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the nationalised banks are advancing loans to the unemployed youth for purchasing commercial vehicles and whether this scheme is also applicable to the low paid pensioners| widows;

(b) whether it is also a fact that loans are advanced to the pensioners or widows, only on the production of commercial vehicle license;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for retaining this condition for persons who want to supplement their income through this source;

(d) whether it is also a fact that contrary to the statement made by the Finance Secretary through the mass media like T.V. recently that loans would not be refused to anyone for purchase of commercial vehicles, etc. almost all the nationaised banks and their branches in Delhi are refusing such loans particularly the Central Bank, Parliament Street which has not granted such loans since 1985; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India has reported that nationalised banks provide credit to eligible borrowers for purchasing commercial vehicles under the category of advances to small road transport opera-

tors. The borrowers in these cases should not own more than six vehicles including the one proposed to be financed. Borrowers owning and operating upto 2 vehicles (including the one proposed to be financed) are given loans at a comparatively lower rate of interest. As per Reserve Bank of India's instructions, all proposals which are economically viable and technically feasible can be considered for grant of loans by the banks including those emanating from pensioners|widows etc. The banks stipulate production of commercial vehicle licence in order to ensure that the loans are covered under DICGC guarantee.

(d) Central Bank of India has reported that its Parliament Street Branch has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 14.76 lakhs to 12 eligible borrowers for purchase of transport vehicles during the period from 1st September, 1985 to July, 1988 and no applications have been rejected.

(e) Does not arise.

Appointment of officers on an adhoc basis in the office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

3432. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in the Office of the Develevelopment Commissioner (Handicrafts) officers are being appointed on an ad hoc basis in Groups A and B since 1976 till date, without referring them to the Department of Personnel as is necessary under the rules; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to rectify the situation arising out of such irregular appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. There are instances of ad-hoc-appointments in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts). However, the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, *vide* their O.M. No. 28036|8/87-Estt. (D), dated 30-3-88 have recently instructed that a reference is required to be made to the Department of Prsonnel and Training in such cases where continuation of adhoc appointment is sought beyond one year.

(b) Does not arise.

Clandestine manufacture of bombs in the country

3433. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that clandestine manufacture of country-made bombs has become a flourishing trade in the country without any type of licence; etc.

(b) what is the number of such units unearthed in different parts of the country during the last three years; and

(c) what action the Central Government have taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Clandestine manufacture of bombs is a substantive offence which attracts the provisions of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. Necessary powers of the Central Government under the said Act stand delegated to the State Governments|Union Territory Administrations who are primarily responsible to unearth clandestine manufacture of explosive substances and to proceed against the offenders. In view of the above it is for the State Governments and UT